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TERMS—\$1.50 IN ADVANCE



Silk Waists are Always in Season

and a lady can hardly have too many. Therefore you should be interested in our

SILK CLEARING SALE.

It is not a make-believe sale by any means, but a genuine cut-price sale of this season's most desirable silk fabrics. Because we mentioned silk waists at the start, do not think that the sale is confined to this class of silks. Everything in the silk stock will go at a cut price during our clearing sale, and this is certainly a silk opportunity for Rhinelander ladies. Silk attire may be worn now at less expense than ever before. Our sale proves this assertion.

All 20, 40 and 50 cent Silks 25 cts. per yd.
All 75 cent and \$1.00 Silks 49 cts.

We Get Away

from old ideas in selling dry goods as well as in buying. It is customary for merchants to buy shirt waists in several grades at different prices and sell them in the same way.

Our way is different. You will find a great lot here, worth \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75. We make them all one price, 75 cents each.



Your Last and Best Chance

to buy wash dress goods at less than mill prices comes this week. Not that we would not quote just as low prices on the goods next week if we had them, but they won't be here. The dainty fabrics which we are selling as cheap as common prints will not last the week out and if you want a share you should come early and have first choice. No matter how late you come, however, you are certain to obtain a bargain if there is even one dress pattern left.

All 10, 12 1/2 and 15c goods 5 cts.
All 15, 20 and 25c goods 10 cts.

Crusoe's Bargain Department Store.

The Flood Gates are Open—

supreme spurt on the home stretch of the greatest sale we've ever had. It's to make room for other goods.

Shirt Waists

We have but a few, on which the cost is not considered. We will also add Ladies' Wrappers, Vests and Wash Goods, Ladies' Misses' and Children's Tan Shoes.

For the Men

We have decided to sell
\$12 and \$15 Suits for \$8.50,
8 " 10 " " 6.00.
In Men's Shoes we are strong
Competition isn't in it.

Cash Department Store.

Originator and promoter of the One Price System, enabling a child to buy as cheaply as its mother which others are imitating but are only imitators.

M. E. Williams, M. D. was up from Antigo Monday on business.

Walt. Brown was at Stella last Friday, looking over a stock of lumber.

Mrs. J. Lewis and children returned from their visit in Waupaca county Monday.

All subscribers to the New North who are in arrears are requested to call and pay up.

Mr. L. Marshall has moved his family to Tomahawk, where they will hereafter reside.

Miss Dixon, who was the guest of Mrs. S. Kelley for two weeks, returned to Minneapolis Friday.

The telephone line connecting Tomahawk and Wausau was completed last Friday, and is now open, and these two cities can exchange greetings over the phone.

Thomas Curran returned to Chicago Monday night, to resume his studies at Rush Medical College. He will not visit Rhinelander again for one year.

E. S. Shepard and son Claude returned home Saturday, having completed their work of estimating State Park lands, which has been occupying their time for the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Fall, of Rhinelander, and Mrs. Anderson, of Hudson, Wis., have been the guests of C. E. Macomber and family at their cottage at Clear Lake, for a few days this week.—Tomahawk Leader.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Give us a look. It's a modest way of asking you to buy your cool goods here, for we know if you look you'll buy. Cash Department Store.

The snake charmer in the Skerbeck family circus, which gave a performance at Eagle River last week, was bitten by one of the deadly rattlers. He died from the effects of the poison Friday and was taken to his home at Sparta Saturday for burial.

A party of Merrill young men, consisting of H. H. Heinemann, West and Don Babcock and George Langley, Jr., spent Saturday in this city. They were on their way to Crescent Lake where they will spend several weeks. They will occupy the Langley cottage.

A recent visitor at Oscoda Mills reports that the two Rhinelander gentlemen in business there are receiving a fine run of patronage. The Stoltzman & Johnston general store under W. D. Johnston's management is having a big trade, and M. J. O'Reilly, who recently established a lumber yard there, is selling the product as fast as he receives it.

It will be easy to practice economy in buying if you trade here, and you will not have to deny yourself in order to economize. The reason is, we have reduced prices in a seemingly reckless manner, but there is "method in our madness," for prices were cut to reduce stock, and stock is being reduced at an amazing rate. Crusoe's Bargain Dept. Store.

The New North acknowledges the receipt of a complimentary ticket to the 24th Annual Fair of the Marathon County Agricultural Society, to be held at Wausau Aug. 20, 21 and Sept. 1. An elaborate program of events has been prepared by the management and a most enjoyable time is assured to all who attend. Prizes amounting to \$1,200 are offered in the racing department and bicycle events galore are on the program.

County Supt. Mason informs us that out of twenty-four who wrote for certificates at the examination held in this city last week, but two failed. While the greater proportion of certificates granted were Second Grade, there were more First than Third Grades. The fact speaks well for the teachers of Oneida county, who are doing all they can to improve themselves and thus better fit them for their chosen work.

Bishop, the eight-year-old son of Geo. LeVake, of this city, was drowned in the Wisconsin river near Clayton's mill Thursday morning. He and several other small boys were bathing in the river, and Bishop ventured out into water too deep, and not being able to swim he went down. His body was recovered in about half an hour and was taken immediately to the office of Drs. Daniels & Packard, where everything possible was done to resuscitate it, but life was extinct. It was a sad occurrence, and the bereaved parents have the sympathy of all.

City Improvements.

The Board of Public Works has considerable labor on its hands owing to the action of the city fathers Tuesday evening in empowering it to build a school house in the "Log Town" district, two tool houses, one on the North and one on the South Side and the water extension for the Sixth Ward, besides supervising the laying of all side walks. S. M. Hutchinson, in his capacity as comptroller is obliged to devote a large share of his time to the work of the board and it can be said here that he is in no way backward regarding the duties imposed. The work will all be done at once, as soon as the necessary preparations are completed. Sam follows his own line of reasoning regarding the improvements and has thus far given splendid satisfaction to the taxpayers. The work has been done where it was most needed and not to favor any one party or clique. He works for the city the same as he would for himself and those who know him are aware that he doesn't waste much money.

McIndoe Brown Nuptials.

The marriage of Dr. T. B. McIndoe and Mrs. W. B. Brown occurred at the home of the bride's aunt at West Superior last Thursday. The news was received in this city with mingled pleasure and surprise, for while the event was looked for, it was not expected that it would take place so soon. They kept their own counsel and succeeded in giving their friends a genuine surprise.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Robbins, and has resided in Rhinelander many years. She is a member of the Brown Robbins Lumber Company, and holds the position of vice president of the firm at the present time. Hattie, as she is universally known here, has the well wishes of hosts of friends, and if her future life is but half as pleasant as the manner in which she is regarded here, it will be happy indeed.

Dr. McIndoe, the fortunate gentleman, is a practicing physician in this city, and is too well known to need any introduction to our readers.

Mr. and Mrs. McIndoe are making a tour of the lakes, and will spend a short time at Buffalo, N. Y. They will return to this city about the 15th of this month.

Excursion Tickets to Wittenberg.

Via the North-Western Line, will be sold at reduced rates, within 100 miles radius, August 6 and 7, limited to August 9, on account of Modern Woodmen's Picnic. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western R'y.

School Notes.

At the regular meeting of the Board of School Commissioners Monday night, it was decided to commence the fall term of school on Monday, Sept. 6. The teachers were also assigned places for their work during the year. Following is the list of teachers and the places they will occupy:

Principal—F. S. Hyer.
Assistant—Mr. Hall.
Eighth grade—Anna Lloyd.
Seventh " —Elen Doherty.
Sixth " —Nettie Whelan.
Fifth " —South Park school—Margaret Richardson.
Fourth grade, McCord school—Myra Germond.
Fourth grade, South Park school—Miss Brown.
Fourth grade, McCord school—Mrs. Nettie Hamilton.
Third grade, McCord school—Mae Stevens.
Third grade, Curran school—Mattie Vaughn.
Second grade, High school—Jennie Barnes.
Second grade, North Side school—Eva Timlin.
Second grade, South Park school—Jennie Nimms.
First grade, South Park school—Lizzie Ashmun.
First grade, McCord school—Miss Bissell.
First grade, Curran school—Mrs. Dean.
First grade, High school—Miss Barnard.

The teachers for the schools in the Town of Pelican have all been engaged, with the exception of the school at Tripps. Following are the names of the teachers and the districts where they will teach:

District No. 1—Mary Walsh.
" 2—Lanny.
" 3—Michael Flatly.
" 4—Teresa Carew.
" 5—Ida Vetting.
" 6—Henry Kemp.
" 7—Viola Kane.
" 8—C. H. Donaldson.
" 9—Treadwell.
" 10—Mabel McGilvery.

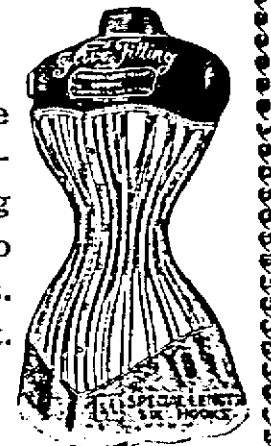
A. O. Jenne, of Woodbury, was in town Tuesday.

ROYAL WORCESTER CORSETS



Style, Durability, Fit.
All that their name implies.

We also carry a complete line of the Langdon Batcheller Genuine Glove Fitting Corsets. This makes two very strong lines of corsets. And they are hard to beat.



We are showing this week a 26 inch, fast black, close roll umbrella. It has a steel rod and is a Paragon frame. An umbrella that would retail for \$1.00 or \$1.25.

We bought them so we could sell them at a price. So while they last you may have them at

79 CENTS.

There are a few more wrappers left. We are anxious to dispose of them before our fall stock arrives.

\$.75 Wrappers	-	-	\$.55
1.00 Wrappers	-	-	.75
1.19 Wrappers	-	-	.88
1.38 Wrappers	-	-	1.00

We received a bale of 60x64 1-4 Cotton this week week that was bought very cheap. It would sell for 6 1/2 to 7 cents. We are going to sell the outfit for 5 Cents straight.

We have the bills of a \$1,500 line of Ladies Shoes which will be here this week. This will be the most complete line of Ladies' Shoes ever shown in Rhinelander. They will come in lasts from AA to EE and be Turns, McKay stitch and Welts, Lace and Button. We calculate to cater to the Ladies', Misses' and Children's Fine Shoe Trade, and are going to have the stock to do it with.

Brown Street.

IRVIN GRAY.

THE STORY TELLER

THE WASP.

The passengers were warm and tired. The air was thick with smoke. They looked disgusted, sullen, cross. None ventured best of joke.

A lady with a pile of books. A boy and a servant girl. Stepped through the door, and in a trice all heads were in a whirl.

The boy began to slam the books. And flap the patient nurse. To pitch things through the crowded car. And snatch the lady's purse.

He clearly was an "only" child. For often he would say: "Now, Mary, do not tease the dear—just let him have his way."

The nurse repressed her rising tears. The tyrant pulled her hair. And screamed. The mother quickly said: "Don't tease him, Mary—there."

A wasp flew in and settled down. The boy reached out his hand. The nurse said: "Harry, it will sting!" His cry called forth command.

With eyes half closed the mother said: "Now, Harry, let the child. Have what he wants, and let me sleep—You drive me nearly wild!"

With weary sigh the nurse withdrew. Her hand, he made a dash. And caught the creature, sting and all. He knew it in a flash.

The mother started at his cry. That rivaled lion's roar. With: "Mary, let him have it now!" And stamped upon the floor.

"He got it, ma'am," the nurse replied. The travelers screamed for joy. The nurse expressed a mild surprise. The mother kissed her boy.

—A. M. Brown, in Chicago Inter-Ocean.

AN INCIDENT OF THE REVOLUTION.

WHILE Gen. Howe, with his British army, held possession of Philadelphia, and Gen. Washington, with the few half-starved troops under his immediate command, was encamped at a place called Red Bank, a few miles distant from the city, an incident occurred which, though seemingly trifling in itself, may have had an important bearing upon the destiny of the whole country.

Lieut. Col. Craig, commanding a detachment of light horse, was ordered to approach the enemy's lines and hover near them, in the capacity of videttes, to pick up any intelligence that might be of value to the army. While engaged in this important duty one cold, raw day in December, an orderly called his attention to a woman who was coming up the road.

The officer watched her as she ascended the hill, and when he perceived, by her stopping and looking frightened, that she had discovered his command, he rode forward and called out, in reassuring tones:

"Advance, madam—you have nothing to fear from true soldiers."

The lady, who was well wrapped up in plain, warm garments, with a hood that quite concealed her features at a short distance, now came forward, without hesitation, to meet the colonel, as if satisfied from his language and appearance she had nothing to fear. When near enough for him to distinguish the features that were turned full upon him, he exclaimed, in a tone of surprise:

"Mrs. Darrah, as I live! Why, what on earth can have brought you, all alone and unprotected, into this dangerous locality?"

"I have a son in the American army—who is, like myself, an officer under George Washington—and a mother's heart yearns toward her offspring, even though he has departed from the ways of his fathers."

"You were going then to seek him?" "I was; but perhaps there would carry a message for me, and let me turn back to the city," said the lady, but still with a cautious, hesitating air.

"It will afford me great pleasure to oblige Lydia Darrah in any way," bowed the gallant colonel.

"Thank thee, friend—there is very kind. If thee will dismount then and walk with me a little way I think I will tell thee what I have to say, which is a secret I would not like to have any other persons hear."

The colonel assented, and, riding back to his men, gave his horse in charge of one of them and ordered them to keep in sight of him; but not to approach near enough to overhear an ordinary conversation. He then returned to the lady and they began their walk down the road, in an opposite direction to that which she had come. For a short time she maintained a deep silence, with her face averted, and, as the officer fancied, with her whole frame trembling with secret emotion.

"Friend Craig," she at length began, with something like a sigh, and speaking in the rapid, earnest manner of one communicating some startling fact, "I have just heard that, on to-morrow night, a large body of British soldiers will secretly march out of the city for the purpose of surprising and capturing him and all his men. Not to mystify thee, friend, and that thee may attach all due importance to this information, I will now inform thee that I, Lydia Darrah, overheard an order read between two high officers to the effect of what I have stated. The must also know that the man called Gen. Howe has come to abide in the house opposite my husband's, and that for some reason, to us unknown, two men, one of whom is supposed to be called the adjutant general, have come over to William Darrah's several times, and held private conferences in one of the

back rooms of our dwelling. Last night these two men came again and one of them told me he wanted all my family to go to bed early, and that when they should get ready to leave, which might be late, they would call me to let them out.

"Well, friend Craig, I sent the whole family early to bed, as requested to do, but I myself felt very anxious to know what was going on of so much importance, and so I did what I never did before—took off my shoes, walked on tip-toe to the door of the room where these men were, put my ear to the key-hole, and listened and heard what I have informed thee of."

"Good bless you, Lydia Darrah, for a noble woman!" said the colonel, with excited warmth; "perhaps you have saved our country—who knows? For had this plan succeeded, which we will now defeat, and Gen. Washington been taken prisoner, I much fear our cause would have been hopeless."

"I will make haste to finish my story, for thee must ride fast to George Washington. After hearing what I have said, I stole back to my room, trembling at the importance of what I had heard. When the men, soon after, knocked at my door for me to get up and let them out, I pretended to be asleep, and they had to knock three times. Then I came out, rubbing my eyes, and saw them off. But I slept none that night, for thinking what I ought to do; and I did not dare to tell my husband for fear the secret might get out. I wanted to get the information to George Washington, and save a great many lives, but for some time I could not see my way clear to do it. At last it occurred to me that I might go to Frankford for some flour, if the man Howe would give me a pass out of town. I went over to him and he gave it. Then I told William and my family that I would go alone to Frankford for the flour, which greatly surprised them and caused much remonstrance. But I did go alone, and thee sees, friend, how much I have since strayed beyond the mill!"

In due time Lydia Darrah returned home with her flour, secretly trembling at all she had done, and the fear of discovery. The night following she lay awake and heard the heavy, solemn tramp, tramp, tramp of the British troops, as they marched past her window and on out of the city, to surprise, defeat and capture the army for whose success she had not only often prayed, but had so lately periled more than life.

When, a few days after, these same troops returned, Lydia Darrah dared not ask the question she was the most anxious to have answered, lest her emotions might betray her. Soon after the adjutant general called upon her and said:

"Madam, will you do me the favor to enter my room, that I may ask you a few important questions?"

Lydia Darrah, believing her secret discovered, either by chance or betrayal, turned deadly pale, and almost faint with terror; but fortunately the officer took no notice of her emo-

tions, and soon recovering herself she determined to boldly brave out the worst. She therefore went to his apartment with a firm step, nor showed any signs of trembling when she saw him lock the door.

"Now, madam," he said, with stern and stately dignity, as he handed her a seat and took another facing her, "I beg you will answer me truly, as if your life were at stake! Who was the last person up of your family on the last night I was closeted in this room with a brother officer?"

"Myself," was the firm and quiet reply of Lydia Darrah.

"Are you certain, madam?" "Quite—for thee requested me to send all the family to bed by eight o'clock, and I did so, myself going last."

"You will be willing to swear to this, madam?"

"We Friends never swear," returned the other, with dignity; "but thee has my word for the fact."

"Well," returned the officer, with an air of chagrin, "I do not understand it. You, I know, were asleep, for I myself knocked three times at your door before I could rouse you. We that night laid a plan to attack and capture Gen. Washington and his army; but by some means, unknown to me, he got news of our design, and has frustrated our purpose. When we arrived before his camp we found all his cannon mounted, and his whole command prepared to give us battle; and disappointed and chagrined, we have all marched back like a parcel of fools! That is all, madam!" concluded the officer, rising, unlocking the door, and bowing out the mistress of the dwelling.

Lydia Darrah retired with feelings of relief better imagined than described. Who shall say how much the subsequent dwellers in this land of freedom have owed and still owe to the cunning and heroism of this noble woman?—N. Y. Ledger.

—The Bank of England contains silver ingots which have lain in its vaults since 1696.

A WISCONSIN WONDER.

Why "Devil's Head" or "Skull Rock" Attracts the Prospectors.

An Absurd Superstition Among the Miners—Legend of the Indians Concerning the Rock—The Scene of an Indian Burying Ground.

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West Superior, Wis.—On a steep, rocky bluff overhanging a narrow inlet of the Lake of the Woods, about 2½ miles from the mining village of Rat Portage, Ont., stands one of the most freakish objects to be found anywhere in the world. It consists of a ledge of solid granite which bears a most grotesque resemblance to a human head, its cavernous mouth partly open, its features distorted with a horrible grin. Rude art has supplemented nature in perfecting the resemblance. This monstrosity is commonly known as "Devil's Head," but is also called "Skull Rock." It is about 20 feet high above the bluff, and about 21 feet in width at the widest



"DEVIL'S HEAD" ROCK, NEAR RAT PORTAGE, ONT.

part. Ears, eyes and a mouth are plainly visible—the latter appearing in the form of a cave, which extends back in the stone about ten feet, and then, like a veritable throat, shoots down a considerable distance into the hill on which it rests.

This extraordinary object has attracted the notice of almost every prospector for precious metal who has visited the region. There is hardly an explorer who has entered the productive gold fields known as the "Rat and Seine River El Dorado" who has not touched with the palm of his hand a spot just above the eyes in the belief that this act would bring him luck in his search for the precious metal. Perhaps the reason for this singular superstition is the fact that the first gold-bearing rock ever found in this region was taken from the mouth of this figure, where it is supposed to have been deposited by the Indians years ago.

Anyhow, the superstition is prevalent and persistent, and the "lucky spot" has been rubbed so often that it is bald and shiny, and destitute of the mossy growth which clings to the rock elsewhere. It is a sort of "Blarney stone" to the gold seekers.

A gold miner of 20 years' experience in the fields of Africa, Australia and the United States remarked to the writer not long ago that the rock had twice brought him luck, and that once he traveled 1,200 miles to touch it before going out on a six months' expedition.

The boatmen take great delight in frightening the more timid with the unexpected sight as they pass along the river below. Judging, however, from the number of souvenirs taken from the rock every year, it will not long survive the onslaughts of curious hunters.

C. A. MARSHALL.

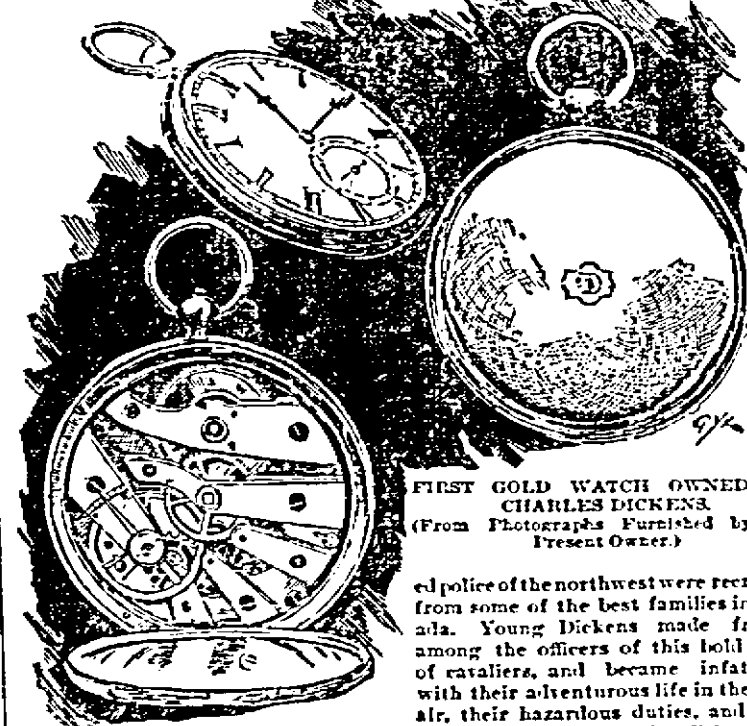
DICKENS' FIRST WATCH.

This Interesting Relic Is Now in New York City. [Copyright, 1897.]

The first gold watch ever owned by Charles Dickens is now in New York. The accompanying picture of the watch, from photographs furnished by the present owner, is now published for the first time. There is, perhaps, no more interesting personal memorial of a great man than the timepiece by which he regulated his labors and which was so intimately associated with his daily life.

The Dickens watch is now the property of Mr. A. G. Midford, a prominent New York business man. A son of the famous writer—whether Charles Dickens, Jr., or Frederick Dickens, does not appear, though probably the latter—came to Canada in 1855. After remaining some time at Toronto in search of a promising business venture, he went to the Canadian northwest and explored the wilds of Winnipeg, enjoying to the full the shooting and fishing to be found there.

Fifteen or twenty years ago the mount-



FIRST GOLD WATCH OWNED BY CHARLES DICKENS. (From Photographs Furnished by the Present Owner.)

ed police of the northwest were recruited from some of the best families in Canada. Young Dickens made friends among the officers of this bold band of cavaliers, and became infatuated with their adventurous life in the open air, their hazardous duties, and their freedom from conventionalities. He was able through the influence of his father's name to secure an appointment, and himself became an officer of the mounted police.

Before going to Winnipeg, Mr. Dickens had become acquainted with Mr. F. M. Midford. After a year or two he tired of the mounted police and returned to Toronto, there renewing his acquaintance, which soon became warm friendship for Mr. Midford. As it came about that one day that Mr. Dickens, being in want of some money, said he must sell the watch, Mr. Midford promptly declared his readiness to furnish the cash needed and his unwillingness to see such a relic pass into the hands of strangers.

"It was my father's first gold watch," said Dickens, "and I'd much rather see it yours, Midford, than a stranger's." After the death of Mr. F. M. Midford at Toronto in 1891, the Dickens watch passed to another member of his family, Mr. A. G. Midford, in whose hands it still remains and by whom it is greatly prized.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—Near Elgin, Ont., is a young woman who daily hauls to town a load of flies and unloads them herself.

—Trappist monks of a monastery in Dubuque county, Ia., who have heretofore had a prior sent to them from Mount Melary Abbey in Ireland, have acquired the right to elect an abbot, and have chosen Rev. Father Alleric.

—With three dogs and one man to help him, the chief rat catcher of the neighborhood of Fort Madison, Ia., killed 297 rats in one job of revivifying five cribs of corn because of the rodents, and he believes only one rat escaped him.

—While people in eastern sections are still forming societies having their basis in the records of ancestors, people of Oregon have set out to form a state association of Native Sons of Oregon, to take part in the pioneer reunions there.

—R. B. Browning, discovered in Nevada, Mo., as the champion skunk hunter, has become the champion frog catcher, getting 50 frogs in half an hour. He uses a long pole with a hook on the end, and, riding into the frog ponds on horseback, yanks out any frog that shows himself.

—The National Bank of Commerce of Tacoma, Wash., set out to sink a well under the building. Some 20 or 30 feet below the surface the workmen came upon some cooking utensils and a skeleton and inquiry revealed the fact that the spot had been an Indian burial ground.

—E. E. Doty, of Metamora, Mich., horsewhipped a Congregational minister there, Rev. W. H. Flint, who also practices medicine, on a charge and alleged confession of talking derogatorily of a matron. Doty then complained against himself before a justice, pleaded guilty of assault and battery and was fined ten dollars.

FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Some Suggestions Which May Be of Value.

Many drooping flowers will freshen wonderfully if the tips of the stems are trimmed off and the ends are then held in hot water for a few minutes.

Marshmallows stuffed dates make a delicious after-dinner sweet. Remove the pits from the dates, fill the space with marshmallows, and roll the dates in powdered sugar. One marshmallow will stuff four dates.

When one is hurried in mailing a letter, and the only available postage stamp is found to be without sufficient glue, moisten the stamp, rub it on the gummed flap of an envelope, and quickly press it in place upon the letter.

When making corned beef hash moisten it with a little beef stock, if you have it, in place of water. A pinch of sugar added with the salt and pepper helps to bring out the flavor.

In ornamenting summer cottages a bare corner may be made very effective at a trifling cost. Secure an empty nail keg from a hardware store, cover it with ebony paint and gild the hoops. Partly fill the keg with sand to give it weight, and fasten a piece of board over the top a little larger than the keg. Place it in the vacant corner and cover the wooden top with a fringed square of pretty silk or cretonne. Stand an unfired ginger jar or a cheap effective vase upon this pedestal and fill it with grasses, dried ferns and cattails.

To stiffen sheer handkerchiefs, lace, wash silks or any other thin fabric it is best to use gum arabic starch. To make it put into a bottle one ounce of gum arabic and pour over it one cup of cold water; stand the bottle in a dish of cold water, and place it over the fire until the gum is dissolved; then strain it through a fine sieve or piece of cheese cloth into another bottle. When it is cold put in a half-gill of alcohol, and it will keep and be ready to use when needed. When dainty laces are to be stiffened half a teaspoonful of the starch, mixed with a small cupful of the water, will give the lace ample stiffness, adding a larger amount of the starch as it is needed for different fabrics.—N. Y. Sun.

The Hard Trade of a King.

Turning first sods; laying foundation stones; opening bridges, hospitals, libraries, museums, and other public buildings; christening and launching ships; assisting at bazars; presiding at public meetings and dinners; organizing funds for benevolent purposes and attending to the proper administration of them; patronizing a multitude of institutions and enterprises, and taking active interest in their management and development; preparing and delivering hundreds of speeches; reviewing troops and fleets; visiting hospitals; representing the nation on important occasions throughout Europe; entertaining foreign royal visitors; bearing in mind the birthday of every royal personage in Great Britain and on the continent, and dispatching suitable congratulations; attending officially and unofficially, balls, concerts and innumerable other entertainments; performing these many and varied duties with minute discretion, so as never to be associated with a failure, never to interfere, directly or indirectly, with any of the myriads of public and private interests, and never to cause friction or to create animosity—if this by no means comprehensive catalogue of royal duties is not sufficient to excite pity, whatever will?—London Truth.

A Translation.

It is related that a sophomore one commencement day was crossing the campus of Emory college, Oxford, Ga., with his sweetheart, who stopped to read the inscription upon the stone to the memory of Ignatius Few, the first president. "What does that mean?" she asked, pointing to the line, "Vixit non mortuus est." Proud of his ability to translate Latin, the student explained: "He lives. No, he doesn't. He's dead."—N. Y. Christian Advocate.

SPANISH RAID ON CHICAGO.

Castilian Armies Once Camped on the Desplaines.

A Spanish army came to Chicago in the long ago. The minor detail of it and the finer statofact reasons of it are hidden in the catacombs of the Escorial, along with tons of other documents that will never see the light again. But we know that those men of war marched over the Illinois prairies and that they were sent to increase the dominions of their sovereign.

By the treaty of Paris signed in 1763 France ceded to Spain all of that vast territory known as Louisiana, which stretched from the mouth of the Mississippi to the Canadian line. In 1791 Great Britain was at war with the United States, Spain, Holland and France. St. Louis, Mo., was a Spanish town and English officers attacked it at the head of 1,500 Indians. They were defeated with little trouble and retreated.

In revenge the Spanish commander at St. Louis, which his people called "San Luis de Illinois," planned a raid against the British post of St. Joseph. It was a fort or outpost located at a point two miles from the present city of Benton Harbor, Mich., and 60 miles northeast of Chicago across the lake. The force began its long, difficult and dangerous journey on January 2, 1781. They estimated the distance at 220 leagues, or 660 miles, and subsequent surveys have proved that they were remarkably good guessers. It was officered by Capt. Eugenio Purre, commanding, and Lieut. Carlos Tayon. The interpreter was Luis Chevalier. Chiefs Echevarria and Nequigen led the 60 Indians of the Fox and Pottawattomie tribes. There were 65 Spanish volunteers—in all 120 men selected with special reference to their ability to withstand the arduous journey.

They marched up the Mississippi river to the mouth of the Illinois and thence along the track of the French explorers and voyageurs. This route took them up the Illinois river past Fort Creve Coeur (Peoria) to old Fort St. Louis (Starved Rock). Here they planted the blood-stained banner of Aragon and Castile. A century before from that rocky eminence La Salle had unfurled the fleur-de-lis of France. Subsequently the British flag had waved over it. Now "Old Glory" waves there in peace and leant.

Purro's forces toiled in snow and ice to the junction of the Kankakee and Desplaines rivers. They followed the Desplaines to a point west of what is now South Chicago, and came to the lake at its southern edge. They found it a desolate region of swamps and sand dunes. Thence they marched to their destination.

The small garrison of Fort Joseph fled to Detroit at the news of their approach, and all of the stores fell into the hands of the invaders. They proclaimed the sovereignty of Spain over this section and divided the stores. After resting some days they began their return march over the former route. They reached St. Louis in safety after a midwinter march of nearly 1,400 miles through a hostile country. They had few casualties and gathered much plunder.

The assertion of Spanish sovereignty at Fort Joseph is evidence that Spain intended to claim dominion over a territory that would give her an entry to the great lakes. Her war with Great Britain, however, was unsuccessful, and marked the beginning of her decline from a first-class power. How near this section came to remaining under Spanish dominion for a time, at least, is proved by the fact that it required the combined efforts of France, England and the United States to defeat the Spanish proposals to allow questions of territory to remain in abeyance during a truce that was to last a quarter of a century. She continued to check the development of the west so far as lay in her power, even going so far as to close the mouth of the Mississippi river, cutting off utterly this section from connection with the sea. It was reopened only by the threat of the Tennesseeans to storm New Orleans.

If the expedition to the capture of Fort Joseph produced no lasting result and brought no great glory to the Spanish arms they are of interest as marking the only period when the banner of Castile reached the valley of the St. Lawrence. It was Spain's farthest step to the northwest at a time when her southern outpost was on the lower edge of Chili. The expedition was inspired indirectly from Havana. To-day, after the lapse of more than a century, that which may be inspired from Havana may mark the end of Spanish rule in the New World. The dominion of the don over the valleys of the Calumet, the Chicago, the Illinois and the St. Joseph seemed like a vision. He looked from the crags of Starved Rock out over that wild, beautiful, silent landscape, which the flight of time has so little marred that could he return to it to-morrow he would scarcely observe a variance from what he saw 115 years ago, and dreamed that he had conquered an empire for his nation. He left it never to return. His ownership ceased with his departure. When he lowered his ensign on the morning he began his homeward march to St. Louis it had floated for the last time over the valley of the Illinois. Four banners have waved over that beautiful fortress of nature. Three have been driven from it. What shall be the fate of the fourth?—Chicago Chronicle.

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"Do you mean to say that the senators were bought?" "Oh, no; I wouldn't make any such charge as that. All I meant to insinuate was that they were influenced by negotiable arguments."—Detroit News.

Where It Came From.

Pat—Where! Tom, have you been smoking cigarettes again? Tom—No, sir. The neighbors next door are burning up a lot of old shoes in the back yard.—Cleveland Leader.

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James A. Wright, of Merrill, was in the city Monday.

W. W. Carr and family and Chester Piggery spent Sunday at Lake George.

M. McNeil, of Arbor Vitae, was in Rhinelander last week on business.

Thos. F. Gane and wife, of Pelican Lake, were visitors here last Friday.

Geo. H. Rice, of Wausau, was here Monday selling planing mill machinery.

Hugh Rodgers, of Tomahawk, was a Rhinelander visitor the first of the week.

Don't fail to see "The Mystic Midgets" at the Opera House tomorrow (Friday) night.

Geo. W. Lounsbury, Jr., brother of Mrs. P. T. Coon, is visiting here this week. He arrived Friday.

Irvin Gray, Dr. Hinman and C. M. Gleason spent Sunday at Tomahawk Lake, guests at the Vaughn cottage.

Lost—Collie Shepard pup, yellow, four months old. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to W. W. Fenelon.

John Slighton, a solicitor for the Chicago Daily News and Record, is in the city this week in the interest of the two papers.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will hereafter meet every other Friday at the usual hour at the M. E. church parlors.

Goods that are paralleled as rare bargains in many stores are usually to be found here regularly at a less price. Cash Department Store.

The blueberry crop is an exceptionally good one this year. The berries are being brought in town daily and find a ready sale at eight cents a quart.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Fenelon and Miss Babin, of Hazelhurst, were over Monday to meet a lady friend, Miss Whitman, of Minneapolis, who will visit at the Fenelon home.

We lead in all things that tend to bring sunshine and gladness to the home of the wage earner, and the dollars we are saving the good housewives of Rhinelander have brought happiness to many a home. Cash Department Store.

The finest string of brook trout ever seen in this city were brought in Sunday morning by Harry Weiger and the writer. Twenty-eight of the speckled beauties, weighing twenty-five pounds were shown. The story was received with some distrust by many who had heard Weiger's fish stories before, but when the trout were shown it had to be accepted as a fact. They were beauties and no mistake.

Saturday, Aug. 7, a special rate will be given to Wittenberg, in order that all who desire may attend the picnic to be given by the Modern Woodmen of America at that place on the afternoon and evening of that day. This day's program will consist of several short addresses, music, races, etc., and a general good time is promised. It is said that quite a number of Rhinelander people will attend.

Now is the time and here is the place to buy goods at your own prices. That is the prices we are quoting during our alteration sale are the kind you will be willing to pay. We quote some today. Cruse's Bargain Dept. Store.

E. L. Williams, of Marinette, was in town Tuesday.

John Bixby, of McNaughton, was in town Monday.

E. O. Woodbury, of Cranston, was in town the first of the week.

W. W. Deitz, of Barron, Wis., was in the city Tuesday on business.

The Alpine saloon is again doing business. Milt. Casey is in charge.

Geo. Marshall, Town Clerk of Woodboro, was in the city yesterday.

Chas. H. Headger, of Lac du Flambeau, was in Rhinelander on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Fred. Moses left Friday for Ripon where she will visit friends for several weeks.

Miss Harriet Saxton is the guest of Mrs. John Barnes, while in the city to assist at Miss Jessie Langdon's concert.

Come early and secure good seats for the concert this evening. The entertainment begins promptly at 8:15 sharp.

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Buy an ice cream freezer and have the cooling dessert for Sunday dinner. Clark & Lennon have a fine line of the latest approved freezers, and they sell them awfully cheap.

Antico has purchased a bloodhound to use in tracking criminals. That city has been troubled by petty burglaries of late and the man-hunting animal, it is thought, will round up the miscreants.

David Davis and Robert M. Cowles, two young men from Bloomington, Ill., who have been spending several days at Tripp's Resort at Maple Grove, passed through here Friday on their return home.

Tomorrow (Friday) evening the operetta, "The Mystic Midgets," will be given at the Opera House. The Priscillas have it in charge, and are working hard to make it a success. Give them a full house.

Chas. E. Lokken, of this city, left last night for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will remain for several weeks, in the hopes of receiving some relief from rheumatism from which disease he has been a sufferer for more than two years.

Summer merchandise is not wanted here, but we do want money. If you want any of our goods you can have more of them for less money than at any previous time in our business history or your buying experience. Cruse's Bargain Dept. Store.

Last Sunday afternoon the High School nines of Eagle River and this city crossed bats on the Fair Grounds and put up a very interesting game throughout, resulting in a victory for the Rhinelander youngsters by a score of 7 to 11.

Robert Downend, of Osceola, was in the city the first of the week on business. Mr. Downend is the newly appointed postmaster at the above place and during his stay conferred with Ex-P. M. Johnson relative to the purchase of the fixtures formerly used in this city. He purchased about half of the boxes.

It is always gratifying to receive testimony for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and when it is from a physician it is especially so. "There is no more satisfactory or effective remedy than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Dr. R. E. Bolger, physician and pharmacist, of Olney, Mo.; and as he has used the Remedy in his own family and sold it in his drug store for six years, he should certainly know. For sale at Palace Drug Store.

Work on the Sixth Ward water extension will soon be under way. At the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening the Board of Public Works was instructed to act immediately regarding the constructing of the extension and to let the contract to the lowest bidder. The mains will be laid commencing at the corner of Conro and Anderson streets, joining on the pipe line near the Geo. Beers residence at the SW corner of Block 6, First Addition to the city of Rhinelander, thence along Conro street to Newbold street, thence along Newbold street to Keenan Ave., along Keenan Ave. to Kemp street, thence West on Kemp street to Margaret street, thence South on Margaret street one block.

W. E. Tyler, of Green Bay, was in town Tuesday.

R. Kellett, of Oshkosh, was in the city Tuesday on business.

A. J. Bolger, of Minocqua, was a Rhinelander caller last Friday.

L. F. Wescott, of Appleton, was looking over the city Tuesday.

J. E. Hoyt, of Menominee, Wis., transacted business in the city Tuesday.

J. E. Mallowney, of Tomahawk Lake, was a Rhinelander visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Waite and Mrs. Wendel, of Pelican Lake, were shopping in the city Tuesday.

J. H. Bixby, a fur salesman for a Chicago house, is spending a week at Tripp's Resort, fishing.

Mrs. E. Brazell arrived home last Friday, after spending two weeks at Eagle River with her mother and sister.

Rev. Wm. Bray and wife, of Kenosha, are in Rhinelander this week, guests at the residence of W. E. Brown.

Don't fail to attend the concert given by Miss Jessie Langdon Thursday evening, Aug. 5. Tickets on sale at Spaul's.

Miss Marie Johnson, who has been the guest of the Misses Alban for some time, returned to her home at Wausau Wednesday.

Brooks Edwards, who has been absent for a couple of weeks, visiting with relatives at Oshkosh and Winneconne, arrived home Tuesday.

W. W. Gould, who has been assisting the State Park estimators, passed through here last week on his way to his home at Winneconne.

N. T. Baldwin is using a cane in his walks about town this week, owing to a rusty nail which entered his right foot about a week ago Tuesday.

Chas. LaForge, general manager for the Woodruff & Maguire Co., of Rockford, Ill., is in the city after having been absent for several weeks looking over lumber stock.

A match game will be played here Sunday between two picked baseball nines about town. An admission fee of 15 cents will be charged. The proceeds will go towards paying off arrears.

Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Horr accompanied Mrs. D. J. Cole on her return from Chippewa Falls last week. They will remain here permanently, Burleigh taking a position in the store of Spafford & Cole.

The old post office building on Davenport street is being newly painted and otherwise improved in its exterior appearance. It is understood that the Palace Drug Store, located across the street in the Sweet building, will occupy the new building as soon as it is in shape.

Miss Jessie Langdon will leave Saturday for Boston, Mass., where she will enter the New England Conservatory of Music. She will take a year's course under the most gifted instructors of that institution on the piano. Miss Jessie is a naturally gifted and her ability as a performer on her chosen instrument has won for her an enviable reputation. The New North predicts for her the success which merit deserves.

Robert McDonnell, of Munslg, who was formerly a teamster for Geo. Clayton in this city, was here Wednesday. He was enroute for Seattle, from which place he will take the first steamer for the gold diggings of Alaska. The fact that the steamers are only going to take good able bodied men from this time on, won't interfere with Robert getting passage, as he weighs in the neighborhood of two hundred pounds and says he has never been sick a day in his life. Success to him.

The estimates on the State Park timber are now all made and the last reports have gone into the Commissioners at Madison. All estimates will be compiled and published in pamphlet form opposite each description. These estimates include all merchantable timber of all descriptions, together with full description of the soil, etc. They have been made by careful men and can be relied upon by intending purchasers. The sale is to be made at the Court House in Rhinelander, commencing on the 5th day of Oct. next and continuing from day to day until all is offered. That which is not sold at auction will be for sale after at the minimum price fixed by the Commissioners.

J. G. Dunn is improving the looks of his residence by repainting it.

H. V. Day and wife have returned from their eastern trip.

The Congregational Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. H. C. Johnson yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. E. O. Brown entertained the ladies of St. Augustine's Guild at 5 o'clock tea Tuesday.

The social given by the Men's Club last Friday evening was well attended and a good time is reported.

G. H. Clark was at Three Lakes Monday, inspecting the work being done on the large farm he is interested in.

Mrs. Raymond entertained a large company of young people Tuesday evening, at a card and dancing party, in honor of her cousin, Miss Johnson, of Wausau.

Miss Blanche Owen entertained a small company of young ladies Tuesday afternoon, at 5 o'clock tea, in honor of her friend, Miss Blanche Morley, of Milwaukee.

The captain of the Gnomes will have his band in the street parade, before the performance of "Mystic Midgets" tomorrow (Friday) night. Be on hand to see the parade.

Fire Chief John Didier, accompanied by Driver Cole and Geo. Fenning of Hose Company No. 1, were at Ironwood Wednesday in attendance at the annual tournament of the Northern Michigan Fire Association.

Just as we go to press we learn that a man by the name of Young was brought here on the 1:45 train from Hazelhurst, who had been crushed by a log. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital, and was said to be in a critical condition. No particulars as to how the accident occurred could be learned.

"Mystic Midgets" at the Opera House Friday evening, July 6. It is a juvenile fairy spectacle in two acts. The cast is composed of about fifty children, the boys representing the Midgets from all nations, the girls the dainty denizens of fairyland. Live insects and animals also appear on the stage. It is a musical entertainment, and deserves a crowded house, which it undoubtedly will have. Admission 25 cent.

A servant girl working for the family of Carl Krueger was held up by two tramps yesterday while returning from a berrying trip and robbed of what berries she had picked. The tramps said they would not harm her if she would give up the berries. She objected and one of the men cut her on the hand to release her hold on the basket. They then ran into the woods. The happening occurred on the Pelican bridge near the St. Mary's hospital. The girl stated that she could identify the men.

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NEW NORTH.

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An Australian legislature has sanctioned the building of an aqueduct which will cost \$12,500,000, and will supply the Coolgardie gold mines with 5,000,000 gallons of water daily.

The most northern post office in the world has recently been established by the Norwegian government on the island of Spitzbergen, off the north coast of Norway. There are practically no inhabitants in the vicinity, but the office is established for the convenience of excursionists who go there during the summer months.

A. R. SPOFFORD, the librarian of congress, who has been relegated to second place, was a war correspondent during the war of the rebellion. At one of the Bull Run battles he had for colleagues Murat Halstead, Villard, Eoynton and Whitelaw Reid. He was appointed librarian by President Lincoln, and for 23 years held the office.

PRESIDENT HIDE, of Bowdoin college, Maine, says in his annual report to the trustees and overseers that the institution will probably receive, under the favorable decisions of the courts, \$400,000 from Mrs. Garcelon's estate, and \$150,000 from the Fayerweather bequest, and that it has besides received \$17,500 in bequests during the year now closing.

FOLLOWING up the researches of two German physicians, who were recently led to conclude that three lines of oxygen in the solar spectrum were not atmospheric, Mr. Lewis Jewell considers that he has proven conclusively that the lines are produced by water vapor in the earth's atmosphere, and that, therefore, the spectroscopic does not indicate oxygen in the sun.

ONE of the most remarkable women in Pennsylvania is Mrs. Mary Ann Cassidy, of Coalport, Clearfield county, who is now 105 years of age. She was the mother of thirteen boys and five girls; nine are living and nine are dead. She gave birth to four pairs of twins. Mrs. Cassidy was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, in 1799, emigrating with her husband and family to this country in 1815.

THE Massachusetts Historical society has held its last meeting in its old rooms in Boston, and will now store its valuable library and collections for two years, when it is hoped its new building will be ready for occupancy. The first meeting of the society was held in 1791, and for 63 years it has occupied the location now to be vacated. The society's fund amounts to \$169,593, and it has 40,000 volumes and 92,042 pamphlets in its library.

THE great Chulalongkorn, king of Siam, at his last visit to the Swiss parliament in Bern, took an album to all the members in which he asked them to draw a pig with their eyes shut and sign their efforts with their autographs. The king, as have many American youths and maidens, gained much amusement from the regularity with which the statesmen failed to connect the tail with the body, and put the eye in the middle of the head.

THE practical value of the eophone, an instrument about which so much has been said and written, would appear to be confirmed by the secretary of the treasury's call upon congress for some \$12,000 in order to place them on revenue cutters. As is well understood, the eophone is a sound catching device, its purpose being the determination, with all possible accuracy, in a fog or darkness, of the location of sound, both as to the direction and distance.

THE director of the gasworks at Aix-les-Bains, France, has perfected a simple system of automatically lighting and extinguishing gas jets from any distance. The burner is closed by a steel plate, which is magnetized and drawn aside while an electric current is passing through it, the escaping gas being ignited either by a spark from the plate or the incandescence of a suitable material. The plate falls back over the burner on being demagnetized.

REVOLUTION in the building of submerged walls and piers is promised from an invention on exhibition at the foot of Livingston street, New York. A raft is placed between two cofferdams and supported by ropes. A solid wall is then built on the raft, which sinks gradually as the weight increases. In this way the inventor claims that he can build a stone wall weighing 3,000 tons and float it to any part of the bay or beach and lower it in place wherever directed.

DR. KANDU, a German explorer, has started out to find the ultimate sources of the Nile. Having the promise of assistance from the Congo authorities when he reaches their territory, he has set out from German East Africa, intending to make his way to Uganda, Ubia and Bahrda. There he will ascertain the size of Lake Akenjara, and measure the volume of water in the rivers Kagera, Erueru, Nyakirongo and Akenjara in the dry and wet seasons. He will trace that having the greatest volume to its source.

BEHIND the eye what is called the "retina" is lined with branching blood vessels, and a curious but perfect simple experiment will enable you to see these. Place yourself in a dark room, opposite a dark-colored wall; then light a candle, and, holding it in your hand, shove it up and down before your eyes, all the time looking, not at the candle, but the wall beyond. After a little practice you will see appear on the wall a great branching figure in black on a reddish surface. What you are looking at is the shadow of these blood vessels at the back of your own eye.

THE GROWING CROPS.

A Scorching Sun and Lack of Rain Cause Alarm.

Heavy Loss to Corn Has Already Resulted—Extreme Heat at Many Points—Wind, Rain and Hail Cause Alarm.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 2.—Reports as to damage to the corn crop in Kansas, Oklahoma and the Cherokee strip as a result of drought and the prevailing hot winds are pouring in from headquarters here of the Santa Fe and Rock Island roads, whose lines practically cover the state. A summary of these reports indicates the conditions to be as follows: In Oklahoma it is estimated that the damage will amount to 20 per cent. The damage in southern Kansas east of Winfield is slight, upland fields being the only ones hurt. West of Winfield the damage is estimated at 50 per cent. Along the Santa Fe for 100 miles west of Emporia, on the main line, a 60 per cent. damage has been sustained. The Hutchinson branch reports 50 per cent. gone. From McPherson to the Nebraska line and in eastern and northeastern Kansas the railroad reports state that the crop has not been seriously injured. It is estimated that the damage to the crop generally throughout Kansas, Oklahoma and the Cherokee strip is about 40 per cent. Railroad officials here state if the hot winds continue two days longer the damage will amount to 60 or 70 per cent.

All the Country Was Hot. Chicago, Aug. 2.—Extreme heat prevailed Sunday throughout the country. Rain in the Rocky mountain region and showers in Springfield and Cincinnati reduced the temperature in those places somewhat. The temperature in different parts of the country ranged from 64 degrees at San Francisco to 102 degrees at Kansas City. For three days Kansas City has sweltered with thermometers at 102 degrees. Throughout Kansas intense heat has prevailed, and reports as to the condition of the corn crop are gloomy. Hot winds have swept across the state, and in the southern and western parts, where rain has been needed for many days, farmers are losing hope. In addition to the damage from the heat, chinch bugs have made their appearance and threaten the crop.

St. Louis, Aug. 2.—Ninety-eight degrees in the shade was registered by the weather bureau at four o'clock Sunday afternoon. This was the maximum temperature for the day. On the streets where the full force of the sun was felt the thermometer showed 100 and over. There were several prostrations, the most serious being Herman Moss, aged 23, and Arthur Gummess, aged 43.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—A gale of 56 miles an hour, carrying with it a terrific thunderstorm and some hail, swept across from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi valley early Sunday morning, damaging crops, wrecking buildings and causing loss of life. It was followed later by extreme heat, which resulted in many prostrations. The storm extended only from the eastern border of Lake Michigan through the lower part of Minnesota.

Telegraphic reports show the storm to have been unusually severe at several points. At Harborside, Wis., wheat and corn fields were laid low and washouts occurred on railroads. The residences of William Marriott and William Wallace were considerably damaged by lightning. At Butler, Ind., the steady downpour saved the crops, which were suffering from drought. At Valparaiso, Ind., residents claimed that never before had there been so severe a storm. In the city 500 trees and telephone poles were blown down. Many head of live stock were killed by lightning and the crops suffered greatly.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The bureau of statistics, treasury department, has prepared a statement showing the estimated loss of revenue to the government on account of increased imports during the months of March, April, May and June, 1907, in anticipation of the increased duties imposed by the new tariff act. The aggregate net loss is estimated at \$22,666,437.

Gold in Wisconsin. Ashland, Wis., July 20.—A company of Ashland men have been prospecting in a mountainous region 20 miles south, and say they have discovered gold in paying quantities. They have been working quietly the last few months and have purchased 2,000 acres of land in that region. Assays show that the gold runs on an average of \$60 a ton.

A Leader Shot. Scotland, Pa., Aug. 2.—William Cummings, the leader of the nonunion miners at this place, was shot dead in a quarrel with union men. W. C. Hubbs was arrested for the crime. There was no material change in the strike situation.

Some Left Alive. London, Aug. 2.—A dispatch to the Times from Cape Town says a report has reached there that the Portuguese have been badly routed in the Bileni district, north of Delagoa bay. The natives declare that not a Portuguese is left alive.

A Woman's Fear. San Francisco, Aug. 2.—Mrs. Margaret Belong arrived at her home in this city from Chicago on a bicycle, being the first woman to ride a wheel from Chicago to the Pacific ocean.

Not Eligible. Des Moines, Ia., July 20.—E. L. Eaton, nominated for governor by the prohibitionists, is ineligible for the office, not having lived in the state the required two years.

Female Champion. Toledo, O., July 21.—The Glaw-Anderson bicycle race here for the female championship of America was won by Lizzie Glaw, of Chicago.

HE SEEKS THE TRUTH.

Government Expert Dunham Out for the Gold Fields.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Expert Samuel C. Dunham, of the federal bureau of labor, left here Saturday for the gold belt of Alaska, where he will make an investigation and report in time for the projected spring migration. Mr. Dunham is well equipped for the work, having spent much time in the mining camps of the west, and for 11 years he has been one of the corps of experts of the labor bureau, being engaged in the investigation of special problems. He has been instructed by Commissioner of Labor Wright to make a critical inquiry into the opportunities for business, for investment of capital, employment of labor, wages, cost of living, climate, best means of reaching the gold fields and kindred subjects. He will go direct to San Francisco and will start from there August 9, taking the Juneau overland route and reaching the Klondyke region about the middle of September. He will watch the winter and early spring work and is expected to send material for a special report, which it is hoped will be published about March 1.

FELL FROM A GREAT HEIGHT.

Terrible Fate of a Teluk Bicycle Rider at a Brooklyn Park.

New York, Aug. 2.—A man known as Prof. Arion, but whose real name is supposed to be McDonald, was killed at Ridgewood park, Brooklyn, Sunday night. As a part of the entertainment which was being given during a Russian festival the professor was advertised to ride a bicycle on a wire strung about 75 feet from the ground. When half way across the wire the professor lost one of his pedals, causing the bicycle to topple over. The bicyclist fell to the ground, bringing with him an electric wire which he carried with him for the purpose of giving an electrical display. In the fall he fractured several ribs and sustained internal injuries. He died soon after his removal to a hospital.

TO PLAN A SHIP CANAL.

Deep Waterway Commission Is Appointed by the President.

Washington, July 20.—The secretary of war announced Thursday the appointment by the president of Maj. Charles W. Raymond, corps of engineers, United States army; Alfred Noble, of Chicago, and George Y. Wisner, of Detroit, as a board of engineers to make surveys and examinations for a deep waterway from the great lakes to the Atlantic tidewaters. This board was authorized in the last sundry civil act, approved June 4, 1907, and is expected to complete the work undertaken by the deep waterways commission appointed by President Cleveland.

WIND AND HAIL.

They Do Great Damage to Crops in Iowa and Minnesota.

Sioux City, Ia., July 31.—Hail severely injured crops in this region late Thursday night. From Rock Rapids and Sioux Center it is reported 50 to 75 per cent. of the small grain was ruined and that some fields were utterly destroyed.

Luverne, Minn., July 31.—The crops in a strip five miles wide and 20 miles long in this county were entirely destroyed by hail Thursday night. The storm extended through five townships and the loss is total where it struck.

To Mine Gold in Alaska. Trenton, N. J., July 31.—The United States Alaska Gold company, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, was incorporated Friday afternoon by the filing of articles in the office of the secretary of state. The company is formed for the purpose of mining gold in the Klondyke fields. The incorporators are: Ralph McKee, of Tompkinsville; Henry P. Whitaker, Hotel Imperial, New York; Frederick J. Brown, Brooklyn; Harry F. Roesser, Hotel Netherland, New York; Thomas P. Daniels, Hotel Girard, New York, and James A. Atwater, New York.

Here War in Africa.

Cairo, Aug. 2.—The Egyptian intelligence department has received word of heavy tribal fighting up the Nile between the derwishes and the Jaalins. The derwishes, under one of the generals of the khalfa, defeated the Jaalins in a pitched battle and occupied Metemneh on July 1. The losses on both sides were very large. The Jaalins are said to have lost 2,000 killed.

Ex-Senator Deceased.

Racine, Wis., Aug. 2.—The remains of ex-United States Senator James D. Little were laid to rest in Mount cemetery Sunday afternoon. Services were held at the First Baptist church. Rev. David H. Cheney preaching the sermon. Between 3,000 and 4,000 people paid tribute to his memory.

Large Salvage Award.

London, July 31.—The court of admiralty have awarded to the British steamer "Maine" the sum of £5,700 (\$23,200), salvage for towing the North German Lloyd steamer "Spre" into Queens-town in her last voyage over from New York, she having broken her shaft.

Victims of Weekends.

Thorntown, Ind., July 31.—Train wreckers threw an express train from the track here and Engineer Seth Winlow and Fireman R. C. Crickmore were killed and two other persons were fatally injured.

Reaches the Age of 100.

Moorestown, N. J., Aug. 2.—Mrs. Christiana French celebrated her one hundred and third birthday at her home here Sunday. In honor of the event there was a family reunion.

Wrestling Match Ends Fatally.

Little Rock, Ark., July 31.—In a wrestling match at Martinsville between Gus Nelms, a professional, and Farris Farmer, an amateur, the latter burst a blood vessel and died.

Charged with a Brutal Crime.

Oriskany, Ark., July 31.—Lee Davidson has been arrested here, accused of infanticide. It is said that he threw his wife's baby into a hog pen and it was devoured by swine.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

Improvement Continues in All Parts of the Country.

Marked Increase in Demand for Wheat—Estimated That Producers Will Realize \$40,000,000 More Than Last Year.

New York, July 31.—R. G. Dun & Co. in their weekly review of trade, says: "Dispatches from almost every northern city of importance report without exception improvement in business, and from Detroit to Seattle and Portland splendid crop prospects. The task of adjusting the business and industries of the country to conditions created by a new law has progressed with gratifying rapidity, and even the increasing strength of striking coal men, when others are advancing, but the balance is unmistakably on the right side."

Wheat Price Advances.

"The most important event since the passage of the new tariff, which was generally anticipated a week ago, has been the marked increase in foreign demand and advance in price for wheat, the futures rising 14 cents during the week, with wheat receipts for the first time exceeding last year's and eastern railroads besieged for cars, and with Atlantic exports of 1,174,723 bushels, flour included, for the week, and 6,211,318 bushels in four weeks, against 5,312,852 last year, with heavy contracts for shipment, including 1,200,000 bushels on a single day Liverpool reports of a shipment from America to northern Bohemia, and with French markets excited, speculative sales here have little influence."

"The fact that corn exports exceed last year, although the price has advanced to 22 1/2 cents, is further proof that foreign demands are substantial. With crop news still favorable, producers may probably realize something like \$30,000,000 more than last year on wheat, which seems a great difference in purchase value, and a large gain to the farmer. Cotton has advanced 12 cents and cotton a sixteenth, though reports as to yield are good."

Industrial Lines.

"The industrial sky is partly overclouded by coal and iron difficulties and by the closing of some large cotton mills. Having run for months far ahead of schedule, demand for months for lead and copper for high prices, the mills see ahead a large drop and cheap cotton, and it is but the rational way to halt production, clear off accumulated stocks at the season when vacations are common, and begin the new year on its own basis."

"The woolen manufacturers answers wholesomely and moderately to new tariff conditions, and while opening of light weights below about one dollar in cost has met a very encouraging demand, the advance in prices asked is not large. With a stock of wool on hand, manufacturers are able, and in the presence of large stocks of foreign goods, are obliged to engage for the next season without advancing prices in proportion to the rise in wool, and large contracts of that nature have already been made."

"Delay in the iron industry is partly because wages have not been settled at all works, though at many, and partly because steadily rising demand does not yet raise prices. In some products prices are a shade lower, notwithstanding a larger demand, owing to competition between works, but Bessemer is a shade higher. In structural work, plates, sheets and bars for the enormous operations of agricultural implement works, the demand increases, and for rolling stock, owing to the abundance of crops."

"Failures for the week have been 23 in the United States, against 21 last year, and 25 in Canada, against 41 last year."

REVENUE RECEIPTS.

They Show a Heavy Decrease for the Year Just Ended.

Washington, July 29.—The preliminary report of the commissioner of internal revenue for the year ended June 30, 1907, shows that the total receipts during that period were \$146,619,503, a decrease as compared with the previous year of \$211,106. The states from which the largest collections were made during the year are given as follows: Illinois, \$22,115,622; New York, \$18,420,766; Kentucky, \$15,637,937; Ohio, \$12,748,753; Pennsylvania, \$11,446,317; Indiana, \$9,661,263; Missouri, \$7,264,652.

Rich Lead Mine in Heart of City.

Joplin, Mo., Aug. 2.—A rich lead mine has been struck on Main street, within a few blocks of the business center of the town. H. D. Graves and Sam Vaughan, two miners who found it, took out, at the depth of seven feet, over a ton of ore. Machinery will be put in and the mine will soon be in operation right in the heart of the city.

Sensational Domestic Tragedy.

Watertown, Wis., July 31.—A sensational suicide occurred here Thursday night. Albert Schultz, a young married man, fired four shots at his wife, and then turned the weapon to his forehead, blowing out his brains, and dying instantly. Mrs. Schultz will recover. The shooting was the result of domestic troubles.

To Be Located at Mattoon.

Mattoon, Ill., July 31.—Mattoon has been selected as the site for the old folks' home, to be erected by the old folks of Illinois. This decision was reached Friday night by a committee representing the grand lodge of the state. Olney, Alton and Vandalia were rivals for the site.

Signed a Treaty.

London, July 20.—A treaty has been signed by the republics of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador to go into effect September 15. The union is named the "Republic of Central America," and the countries forming it will take the name of states.

Don't Want G. A. R.

Richmond, Va., July 31.—R. E. Lee camp, Confederate Veterans, after a protracted debate refused to endorse the invitation extended to the G. A. R. by the Young Men's Business Association of Richmond to come to this city for their annual encampment in 1909.

Havana's Suburbs Halted.

Havana, July 20.—The outskirts of this city were attacked by a large body of rebels, who, before the Spanish troops could be gathered to resist, swept through the suburbs, carrying all before them.

Racine Shows Growth.

Racine, Wis., Aug. 2.—In 1905 the population of Racine was 24,500. It is estimated from the school census just taken that there is now a population of 29,000 people.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

For the Week Ending August 2. A rich gold find is reported in Minnesota within 50 miles of Duluth.

Fire destroyed over one-half of the business portion of Hillsboro, Kan. At least 150 persons perished in the recent floods at Kertch in the Crimea.

The First national bank of Asheville, N. C., went into voluntary liquidation. The month of July, just closed, smashed the heat record for the past ten years.

Jules Bunnell and his bride of a few days committed suicide with morphine at Houston, Tex.

Waldemar P. Leonhard, of Cincinnati, O., has been appointed vice consul at Hamburg, Germany.

Floods in Silesia and Bohemia caused a loss of many million marks and over 100 persons were drowned.

A rich lead mine has been struck on Main street, within a few blocks of the business center of Joplin, Mo.

Miners in the Danville (Ill.) district are in destitute circumstances, over 400 families being without means.

Heavy rains flooded Rahway, Fanwood and other places in New Jersey and did great damage to property.

Capt. John H. Johnson, Gen. Sheridan's chief of scouts during the war, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 51 years.

Reports received from the New England, middle and western states say that the hay crop will be the largest in years.

Maximo Martinez was hanged at Floresville, Tex., for killing Jesus Carrillo and wife and Juanita Acosta on June 6.

Two freight trains collided at Delaware Junction, N. Y., killing George E. Leasbee, engineer, and Charles Eddy, fireman.

Troopers Bertrand and Jacobson of II troop, Second United States cavalry, were drowned in a reservoir at Monument, Col.

John T. Lovell, manufacturer of firearms, died in Boston. He was one of the foremost arms manufacturers in the country.

"Cap" Hatfield, the notorious outlaw and leader of the Hatfield-McCoy feud, and credited with killing 17 men, escaped from jail at Williamson, W. Va.

Mamie and Estelle La Point, aged ten and 14 years respectively, were drowned in Mill river, at Northampton, Mass. The girls came from Fort Dodge, Ia.

Gen. A. W. Greeley, the Arctic explorer, in an interview in the New York World says he thinks Prof. Andree, the balloon voyager, will never be heard from.

John Johnson (colored) was hanged at Livingston, Ala., for the murder of A. F. Clarke, a white man, in January, 1906, and "Big" Newell was executed at Selma, Ala., for murder.

Russia and Germany having counselled Greece to submit to the conditions imposed by the powers, M. Ralli, the premier, replied officially that Greece would never entertain the idea of financial control proposed, and that she would help herself.

Colonists for Texas.

Marquette, Wis., Aug. 2.—George M. Otis, representing the Grand Falls Irrigation company of Grand Falls, Tex., is endeavoring to secure colonists to settle in southwestern Texas. Eight families will leave Marquette next month to locate there. The Grand Falls Irrigation company owns 3,000 acres on the Pecos river. Capitalists of Madison, Deerfield and other Wisconsin towns are interested in the company. Several hundred colonists, it is said, are going there from various parts of Wisconsin. Ex-Gov. Hoard has just purchased 600 acres on the Pecos and will start a creamery.

Sent to Prison.

Simla, Aug. 2.—Maulvi Sidayat Hassan, who was recently arrested at Lucknow on the charge of insulting Queen Victoria and the British government at a meeting of Mohammedans, called to congratulate the sultan on his victories over Greece, on which occasion Maulvi told the assembly that "But for the sultan's forbearance, the old woman's ribs would have been broken years ago," has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

New Market for Americans.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 2.—The recent visit of the pan-American excursionists to this city is already bearing fruit. The Mexican government wants to buy 1,000 desks, tables and chairs, and Postmaster Carroll has received a letter in which the writer asked to be put in communication with the makers of such goods, as it was desired to buy direct from the manufacturers.

Won't Parade.

Springfield, Mo., Aug. 2.—Campbell confederate camp, of this city, has decided to take no part as a body in the Wilson Creek reunion to be held here soon. The grand army objected to the carrying of a confederate flag in the parade, and the ex-confederates refuse to take part in consequence.

Wonderful New Gun.

New York, Aug. 2.—The national government is building a new ten-inch wire gun for coast defense that will astonish the world. It will weigh 20 tons and hurl a 600-pound shell with a muzzle velocity of 2,953 feet per second. It will be wrapped with 75 miles of wire weighing 30,919 pounds.

Dropped Dead.

New York, July 31.—Dr. John H. Love, of Mont Clair, N. J., one of the best-known physicians in New Jersey, fell dead at six o'clock Friday morning while assisting Dr. Levy W. Case in an operation. Death was caused by heart disease.

Festival in Diamond Market.

New York, Aug. 2.—The Times says: A great revival in the diamond trade is predicted here. It is said that within the past few days from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 worth of diamonds have been ordered in the European markets.

A FATAL CYCLONE.

Seven Persons Killed in Their Home in Illinois.

Stranger Frank of the Twister Saved the Town of San Jose from Destruction—A Number of People Injured.

San Jose, Ill., July 31.—Death and desolation followed rapidly in the wake of a cyclone which swept across this section of the country at seven o'clock Friday night. Seven persons were killed outright and three seriously injured. The house and barn of Dr. A. C. McDowell on the outskirts of the town were demolished by the fury of the wind. The town itself escaped only because the cyclone rose about 2 1/2 miles north and passed over too high to cause any further serious damage. It is probable that more deaths may be reported later from the outlying districts. The dead are: A. C. McDowell, Mrs. Samuel Brownlee and three children, Jessie Groves, and a grandson of McDowell. The injured are Mrs. McDowell, a son and a daughter.

House Blown to Fragments.

The McDowell homestead was torn into fragments from its foundation to the roof. The barn met the same fate, and with its contents was swept out of sight. Inside the house the family of Dr. McDowell, consisting of five members, had taken refuge together with Mrs. Samuel Brownlee and her three children, and Jessie Groves, the daughter of a neighbor, who had come to the McDowell's to spend the evening. When the cyclone struck the house everything it contained was swept in every direction. Not a stick of timber nor a whole piece of furniture was left intact, and buried beneath the ruins were all of the occupants of the house. Following the cyclone came a deluge of water resembling a cloudburst. This, however, did not deter neighbors who witnessed the destructive work of the cyclone from hurrying to the rescue of the McDowells. Those who were alive beneath the ruins were taken out as soon as possible and carried to neighboring farmhouses, where their injuries were given medical attention.

DETERMINED TO DIE.

Desperate Attempt at Suicide of a Cleveland Man.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 2.—Thomas Cushing, a molder, aged 33 years, Sunday afternoon stood before the mirror in his room at a boarding house and cut his throat with a razor. When taken to the operating room on the third floor of a hospital, he made a rush for a window and threw himself out, falling 50 feet to the roof of the engine-room. His body crashed through the skylight, struck an iron bar in its descent and rolled to the floor of the engine-room. Cushing is still alive but it is believed he will die.

A SAD FATE.

Two Indianas, with Their Wives, Drowned at Carlisle.

Terre Haute, Ind., Aug. 2.—Carlisle, a town about 30 miles south of here, is in mourning. It was a tragic Sabbath for the quiet place, four of its inhabitants meeting death by drowning. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. Abner Morris. The Hammond and Morris people were seen to go in bathing, and later their clothing was found on the river bank. It is believed one of the women was seized with cramps, and the others were drowned in trying to rescue her.

New Car Ferry Line.

Milwaukee, July 31.—A special to the Sentinel from Manitowoc, Wis., says: The car ferry line between Manitowoc and Benton Harbor, with connections at Benton Harbor with the Big Four road, for eastern, southeastern and southern points, opened Friday. The tug Fischer, having in tow the Lake Michigan and Wisconsin car ferries Nos. 1 and 4, arrived with 34 cars of loaded freight for Manitowoc and western points.

President at Plattburgh.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., July 30.—The president and Mrs. McKinley occupy a suite of seven rooms in the Hotel Champlain annex, connected with the main building by corridors. The rooms are the finest in the house and have been especially finished and furnished in elegant style and taste. The president is delighted with the magnificent lake and mountain scenery.

Four Boys Drowned.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 2.—Four small boys were drowned here Sunday while swimming. Willie and George Young, brothers, aged 16 and 13, were drowned in Brush creek. Henry Hall, aged 11, perished in the Kaw river, and Fred Bridgeford, aged 14, was drowned in a little creek emptying into the Missouri.

Civil Service Extended.

Washington, July 29.—President McKinley has amended the civil service rules so that no removal shall be made from any position subject to competitive examination except for just cause and upon written charges and has included within the classified service the employees of all custom house offices.

Preacher Meets Death.

Creston, Ia., July 31.—Rev. Otto Roll, a German minister, was instantly killed at Alton Friday. He tried to cross the tracks ahead of the Burlington fast mail train and was struck by the engine. His body was thrown over 20 feet and fearfully mangled.

A Fatal Leap.

Grand Rapids, Wis., Aug. 2.—William O'Brien, aged 22, employed in the Iron paper mill, on a wager jumped out of the mill window, a distance of 20 feet, into the Wisconsin river. He burst a blood vessel, from which he died an hour later.

Sent on a Prospecting Tour.

Fau Claire, Wis., July 31.—N. C. Foster, millionaire lumberman and capitalist of Fairbairn, gave Omaha station agent, J. H. Foss,

FROM CLUE TO CLIMAX.

BY WILL N. HARBEN.

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Whidby drew it from behind a screen in a corner.

"You ought not to have placed it there," remarked the hypnotist. "The idea of its being pushed away out of sight will remain with your sub-consciousness longer than you dream of. Such things belong to a wonderful science that all people ought to know. Where was the chair standing that night, as near as you can remember?"

"Exactly there." And Whidby placed the chair within a few feet of the bed.

"Ah, yes," said the hypnotist. "I see where you touched it that night with your hand. Now, do as I direct you. Leave it exactly where it is, and to-night when you go to bed place your hand on it precisely as you did before. All these things will aid you to sleep soundly, and, believe me, that is what you need above all things just now. Remember when you lie down to-night that I have told you positively, on my honor, that you will sleep better than you ever have slept before."

"You mean," Col. Warrenton interrupted, "that it will be necessary for him to sleep well before—before the—the test?"

A slight, almost unnoticeable, look of vexation passed over the face of the hypnotist, but it was gone when he began to speak.

"Oh, no, only that it will put him in a better humor. He is rather too despondent for his own good. I don't want to talk to him about any test now. That will be for the future. Perhaps we won't have it at all."

CHAPTER XL

After Dr. Lampkin and Col. Warrenton had taken their leave and were on the way down town, Dr. Lampkin said: "I must make a confession to you. What I said about wanting to talk over a legal point was only a pretext to see you alone about another matter. Your friend must be hypnotized to-night after he falls asleep naturally. You see, I had to get the idea of the test out of his mind, for that would have made him unusually wakeful. If he was hypnotized on the night of the murder it was done when he was asleep, and of course, for our test, the conditions must be the same. I have prepared his mind so that he will sleep soundly to-night, and, if everything works well, I think that I can prove conclusively what his actions were on the night of the murder."

"I see," replied the colonel. "I place myself in your hands. Use me as you will."

"You must take him for a short drive this evening at about seven," continued the doctor. "While you are out I shall come in and see the man myself. Then you must make some excuse for wanting to spend the night in his house. I would have you occupy the bed of the murdered man, but I am afraid Whidby would be surprised at your choice, so stay wherever he puts you, but manage to send that man servant away for the night. We shall want the house entirely to ourselves. About two o'clock in the morning I shall come to your room and arouse you. Whidby won't awake; I shall see to that."

"You can rely on me," the colonel promised; "but I should like to ask one question, if I may."

"As many as you like."

"From your observations so far, would you think the blood on the portiere, the spot on the chair, and the drop on the cuff would have come from Whidby's hand after simply touching the bloody sheet?"

"To be frank, I am going to work on the supposition that they could not," answered the hypnotist, and he left the colonel deeply perplexed.

A few moments after two o'clock the next morning Warrenton, who had been put by Whidby into the large guest-chamber over Strong's old room, heard a light step on the stairs. He rose from a chair near the window and opened the door. It was the doctor.

"Why," said the visitor in surprise, "not asleep? I thought I should make you furious by rousing you from sweet dreams."

"Couldn't sleep to save my life," said the colonel, sleepily. "I tried for four solid hours, but it was impossible. It was the thought of the whole uncleanly business, I suppose."

"It is always impossible when one tries hard to sleep," said the hypnotist. "He closed the door softly, and sat down on the side of the bed. The idea is to forget all about it, and nature will do all the rest. An effort to sleep keeps the mind active, and activity of thought prevents sleep."

"Where have you been?" asked the colonel.

"Slumbering sweetly on a lounge in the library ever since Whidby turned in. If I had known that you were restless, I could have put you to sleep without even seeing you."

"I shouldn't care to have you do it," said the colonel, with a smile.

WALL PAPER.

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ceedings. He fancied he saw an expression of vexation on the face of the hypnotist, every muscle of which seemed drawn, every vein about to burst. His large eyes seemed to start from their sockets. For the third time, though now no word was spoken, Whidby approached the window, and then, with a deep sigh and a strange child-like whimper, he returned to his bed and sat down on the side of it.

Ten minutes passed. The hypnotist stood like a statue. A thrill of sudden fear passed over the colonel. Could any man be sane with that look on his face? Some one passed along the street whistling, and carrying a lantern. Its light danced about on the walls for an instant. In the flashes the colonel saw Whidby had covered his face with his hands.

"Come, get up!" In the awful silence the tones sounded like a clap of thunder. The colonel heard them ringing in echoes in the hall. Whidby rose, passed the folding doors, and entered Strong's room. The hypnotist released the portiere, letting it fall across the opening, and cautiously followed Whidby, who slowly approached the foot of the bed and then went round to the right and bent over the colonel. The young man was breathing hard and excitedly. He felt the colonel's body through the covering, and then, turning it down at the top, he pressed his fumbling fingers against Warrenton's bare throat two or three times, then drew himself up, and, turning, went slowly back towards the portiere. He caught it with his right hand, drew it aside and passed in.

Dr. Lampkin was close behind him, followed by Warrenton. They drew the portiere aside just in time to see Whidby strike the chair which was between him and the bed. He grasped the top of it with his right hand and leaned so far forward that the others thought he was going to lose his balance and fall on his face. However, he recovered his equilibrium, and paused to replace the shirt, which had fallen on the floor. Then he lay down on the bed, turned his face from them and closed his eyes.

The hypnotist bent over him. "Sleep, sleep!" he commanded. Then he turned to the colonel, a look of disappointment on his face. "Poor chap! I am sorry for him. It looks very much as if he had been made to commit the deed. I understand now what caused him to

have a slight remembrance of touching the chair, picking up the shirt, and so on. When he stumbled and almost fell that night, the hypnotizer was so fearful of the noise his fall would make that for an instant he lost control of his subject; but he regained it in a moment, and put him to sleep. What was that? I thought I heard a sound in the other room."

"Don't be frightened; it is I," sounded from behind a screen in a corner, and a man in a broad-brimmed slouched hat, long whiskers and linen ulster rose into view. He drew off his hat and his false beard, bowed and smiled. "Doctor, we are not strangers," he said. "Pardon my lack of ceremony. I confess I have been spying on your movements. I had to see what was going on, and in my own way."

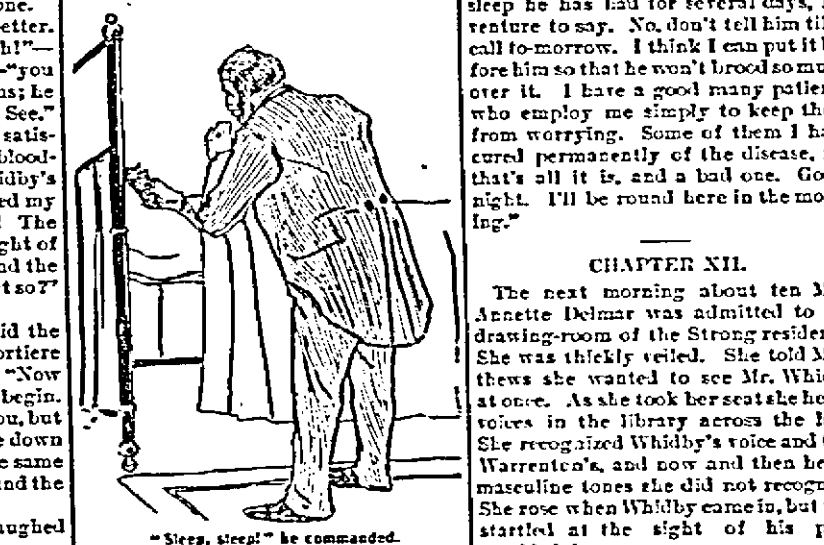
"Minard Hendricks, by Jove!" ejaculated the doctor. "I should never have dreamed of your being here at such a time. This is Col. Warrenton, a friend of Mr. Whidby. We were experimenting."

Hendricks bowed to the colonel, and went on: "I know; you need not tell me. I was in the colonel's room just now, and overheard your talk. I felt less like an interloper when I heard you say you were going to give me the benefit of your investigations, so I followed you down here, and have seen and heard all. I am glad to make your acquaintance, Col. Warrenton, but you must both pardon my impudence. I am dying to make a little examination on my own account. Will he—the young man—sound asleep?"

"Yes; he can hear only what I address to him."

"Go ahead," Warrenton joined in. "You may do as you like here."

"Thank," Hendricks lighted the gas with a soundless match, and, going to the window which Whidby had approached so many times, examined the sill closely. Then he crossed the floor to the corner nearest the door, and, taking a small dark-lantern from the pocket of his ulster, he went down on his hands and knees, and, throwing the light here and there about the corner,



made a minute examination of the carpet, and then of the plastered walls near where he crouched.

Warrenton and Dr. Lampkin watched him curiously, both with long faces. When he had finished and closed his lantern with a snap, Warrenton ventured to say:

"If you have discovered anything, sir, which would lead you to believe that my young friend was not the instrument of a hypnotist, and not made to commit the crime, I should be very grateful. I am really afraid the morbid fear that such is the case will drive the poor fellow mad."

Hendricks smiled as he buttoned his ulster around him.

"That point, I believe, lies in Dr. Lampkin's province. I was trying to discover traces of the murderer where I failed to search the other day. For the present I can tell you no more. However, I may say that in spying on you to-night I have discovered enough to prove to my mind, at least, that either the murderer was a hypnotist, or Mr. Whidby is a capital actor."

"What do you mean?" asked Col. Warrenton, sharply.

The detective smiled.

"Only that there are two sides to the case. Either Whidby is guilty or some one else is; and that is what the public thinks. I should be glad to prove him wholly innocent. If he is guilty, he is listening to me now and has gone through a superb piece of acting. Eh, Whidby? But he may be asleep."

"I can testify to that," said Dr. Lampkin, uneasily. "I don't make mistakes in that line."

"If you do in others," laughed Hendricks. "But I must be going. My fellows have made me lose a lot of sleep to-night."

"What do you mean about my mistakes?" asked Dr. Lampkin, coldly.

"Never mind now; I shall perhaps explain before long," answered the detective. "Good-night." And he opened the door and was gone.

For several minutes Dr. Lampkin and the colonel stood looking at each other in silence. The pause was ended by the colonel.

"Well, we haven't any bright news for the poor fellow, have we? Shall we wake him and tell him the result of our investigations?"

"Not let him sleep till morning. It will brace him up. It is the first good sleep he has had for several days. I'll venture to say. No, don't tell him till I call to-morrow. I think I can put it before him so that he won't brood so much over it. I have a good many patients who employ me simply to keep them from worrying. Some of them I have cured permanently of the disease, for that's all it is, and a bad one. Good-night. I'll be round here in the morning."

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